

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 15 to 18 are currently pending in the present application after cancellation of claims 9-14. Claims 15 and 18 have been amended.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 15 to 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants note that claim 15 has been amended to be in independent form, including the features of now-cancelled parent claim 14. Furthermore, claim 18 has been amended to depend on claim 15. Therefore, claim 15 and its dependent claims 16-18 are in allowable condition.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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